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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A fluid-containing cleaning device comprising:

- a housing defining a fluid reservoir and an opening,
- a cleaning medium carried by the housing,
- a valve carried by the housing for providing communication between the reservoir and the cleaning medium,
 - a closure structure closing the opening;
- a flexible and resilient actuator adjacent the reservoir and deflectable between a rest position and an actuating position;
 - a retaining plate mounted in the opening; and
- a bias structure independent of the valve and disposed between the retaining plate and resiliently biasing the actuator so that upon depression of the actuator the bias structure returns the actuator to its rest position without exerting a force on the valve.

Claim 2 (Original): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the bias structure is formed of a resilient material and the actuator includes a dome portion and the bias structure abuts the actuator at the dome portion.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the bias structure includes a spring disposed between the actuator and the retaining plate.

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Claim 4 (Original): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the closure structure includes a collar protruding therefrom in order to receive the bias structure.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the closure structure includes a cap having a threaded portion for coupling the actuator to the housing.

Claim 6 (Original): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the bias structure is a coil spring.

Claim 7 (Original): The cleaning device of claim 6, wherein the coil spring is metallic.

Claim 8 (Original): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein said housing includes a base on which said cleaning medium is carried and having an aperture therein, said valve being movable between open and closed positions relative to said aperture.

Claim 9 (Original): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the bias structure includes a bias member, and further comprising a retaining plate mounted in the opening and the plate including a cross-shaped support member for supporting the bias member therein.

Claims 10-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the bias structure is mounted between a collar of the actuator and a channel of a the retaining plate mounted in the opening.

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Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the closure structure includes the actuator that includes an interior surface and the bias structure includes an arm extending transverse to the interior surface.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The cleaning device of claim 13, wherein the actuator includes a nipple protruding into the interior and the arm extending from the nipple.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The cleaning device of claim 14, wherein a pair of arms extend from the nipple.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The cleaning device of claim 14, wherein four arms extend from the nipple.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The cleaning device of claim 16, wherein the arms form a cross-shape.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the bias structure includes a cone having spiraling walls.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The cleaning device of claim 18, wherein the cone includes a nipple formed at its apex.

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Claim 20 (Currently amended): The cleaning device of claim 1, further comprising a skirt portion of the closure structure providing a fluid-tight seal between the closure structure and the housing.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): A method of assembling a cleaning device comprising the steps of: providing a housing having an opening and a base;

mounting a valve in the base;

mounting a retaining plate in the opening;

mounting a bias member to the retaining plate;

coupling a closure structure to the housing and closing the opening; and

trapping the bias member between the button and the retaining plate;

wherein upon depression of the button, pressure will increase within the housing activating the valve and compressing the bias member and upon release of the button, the bias member will decompress and return the button to its rest position.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 21 further comprising the step of threadedly coupling a cap of the button to the housing.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of mounting the bias member to a channel of the retaining plate.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of mounting the bias member to a collar of the button.

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Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 22 wherein the retaining plate is mounted to the

button via a coupling means.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 22, wherein the valve is mounted to the base and

thereafter the base is attached to the housing.

Claim 27 (Previously presented): A fluid-containing cleaning device comprising:

- a housing defining a fluid reservoir and an opening,
- a cleaning medium carried by the housing,
- a valve carried by the housing for providing communication between the reservoir and the cleaning medium,
 - a closure structure closing the opening;
- a flexible and resilient actuator adjacent the reservoir and deflectable between a rest position and an actuating position; and
- a bias structure disposed adjacent to the actuator so that upon depression of the actuator the bias structure will return the actuator to its rest position, the bias structure including a bias member and a retaining plate, the retaining plate being mounted in the opening and including a cross-shaped support member having a cylindrical cup for receiving an end of the bias member therein.

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Claim 28 (Previously presented): A fluid-containing cleaning device comprising:

- a housing defining a fluid reservoir and an opening,
- a cleaning medium carried by the housing,
- a valve carried by the housing for providing communication between the reservoir and the cleaning medium.
 - a closure structure closing the opening;
- a flexible and resilient actuator adjacent the reservoir and deflectable between a rest position and an actuating position; and
- a bias structure disposed adjacent to the actuator so that upon depression of the actuator the bias structure will return the actuator to its rest position, the bias structure including a bias member and a retaining plate, the retaining plate being mounted in the opening and including a cross-shaped support member having a channel for receiving the bias member therein.

Claim 29 (Currently amended): A fluid-containing cleaning device comprising:

- a housing defining a fluid reservoir and an opening,
- a cleaning medium carried by the housing,
- a valve carried by the housing for providing communication between the reservoir and the cleaning medium,
 - a closure structure closing the opening;
- a flexible and resilient actuator adjacent the reservoir and deflectable between a rest position and an actuating position; and

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a bias structure <u>resiliently biasing independent of the valve and disposed adjacent to</u> the actuator se that upon depression of the actuator the bias structure returns the actuator to its rest position without exerting a force on the valve.